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Docket No.: BBNP-01-057
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Passman *et al.*

Application No.: 09/660,521

Confirmation No.: 6580

Filed: September 12, 2000

Art Unit: 2665

For: USING DIRECT CLUSTER MEMBER TO
CLUSTER MEMBER LINKS TO IMPROVE
PERFORMANCE IN MOBILE
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Examiner: Phan, Man U.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2004, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-17, 19-27 and 29-31; and

Group II: Claims 18 and 28.

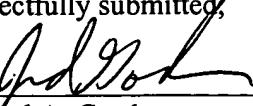
Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by selecting the claims of Group I, Claims 1-17, 19-27 and 29-31, directed to apparatus, systems and methods of communicating among a plurality of mobile stations in a network. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to prosecute the non-elected claims in related applications.

According to Paper No. 4, Applicants were given two months to respond to the Restriction Requirement. Therefore, a one-month extension of time is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Applicants believe no other fees are due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-057 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: April 23, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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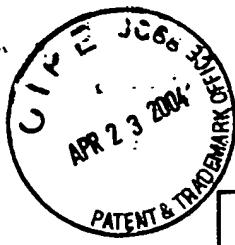
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 110.00)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,480	2254	740 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,010	2255	1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240 Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	770	2809	385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____			

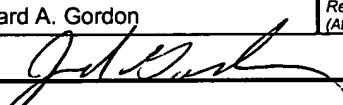
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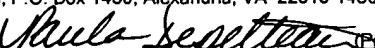
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